



REPORT

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Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine February 2014



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1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 Orientation Refresher for Adobe Connect

Before beginning the meeting, the IPPC Secretariat gave an overview of the virtual meeting software connection program Adobe Connect and also noted the etiquette and ground rules for participants to follow during the meeting (00_TPFQ_2014_Feb). The IPPC Secretariat also introduced further guidance for resolving problems with connection quality during virtual meetings using Adobe Connect (02_TPFQ_2014_Feb).

1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

The IPPC Secretariat welcomed the participants to the meeting. The following two stewards, four members of the Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine (TPFQ) and two Secretariat staff participated in the meeting:

- Ms Julie **ALIAGA** (Steward), USA
- Mr Piotr **WLODARCZYK** (Assistant Steward), Poland
- Mr. Eric **ALLEN** (Member), IFQRG Chair
- Mr. Mamoru **MATSUI** (Member), Japan
- Mr. Thomas **SCHRÖDER** (Member), Germany
- Mr. Sven Christer **MAGNUSSON** (Member), Norway
- Mr. Michael **ORMSBY** (Secretariat Lead TPFQ)
- Mr Brent **LARSON** (Standards Officer, IPPC Secretariat)

The following members were unable to attend due to previous engagements or technical issues:

- Mr Edson Tadeu **IEDE** (Member), Brazil
- Mr Shane **SELA** (Member), Canada
- Mr Marcos Beéche **CISTERNAS** (Member), Chile
- Mr. Victor **AGYEMAN** (Member), Ghana

The Secretariat noted the primary purpose of the meeting was to complete a final review of TPFQ documents and items to report for the Standards Committee (SC) meeting in May 2014.

The panel approved the agenda and list of documents for this meeting (01_TPFQ_2014_Feb) (see Appendix 1 to this report).

1.3 Introductions

The meeting participants introduced themselves and agreed to update their contact information on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP, www.ippc.int) if necessary¹. The TPFQ Secretariat Lead was elected as a chair for this virtual meeting as well as future virtual meetings.

1.4 Review and Agree Record of last Virtual Meeting

The panel members present reviewed, amended and agreed to the record of the December 2013 Virtual Meeting of the TPFQ (03_TPFQ_2014_Feb_December 2013_Meeting_Report).

¹ The TPFQ membership list, which includes contact information, can be found on the IPP at <https://www.ippc.int/publications/membership-tpfq>

Action items from the December meeting were added to the agenda of this meeting: moisture content of wood and methyl bromide penetration (see agenda item 5.2) and the review of the forest seed annex to the draft ISPM for the international movement of seed (see agenda item 5.4).

2. UPDATES FROM THE SECRETARIAT AND OTHER RELEVANT BODIES

The Secretariat noted the technical issues that were experienced by meeting participants at the last virtual meeting of the TPFQ. Unlike other meetings these technical problems seemed to originate in Rome and affected all participants. The Adobe Connect virtual meeting user issues document (02_TPFQ_2014_Feb) has been included in the documents list to assist those experiencing problems.

The Secretariat noted two issues for SC that were raised in the December meeting of the TPFQ:

1. The issue to be raised by the TPFQ Steward on ineffective reporting of non-compliance to ISPM 15.
2. The delay in completing the ISPM 15 treatment criteria pending the publication of the description and application of the 'Cardiff Protocol' by members of the International Forest Research Group (IFQRG).

3. UPDATE ON THE IFQRG/TPFQ WORK PROGRAMME 2014

The next meeting of IFQRG in 2014 will be from the 8th to 12th September. Prior to Christmas 2013 a working group was invited to convene and begin the development of the publication on the efficacy requirements for ISPM 15. Progress on the work of this group will be reported at the next meeting of TPFQ.

4. DISCUSSION/STATUS ON IPSM 15 TREATMENT CRITERIA

This issue was not discussed at this meeting.

5. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014

The work programme provided (04_TPFQ_2014_Feb) was updated from the December virtual meeting of the TPFQ.

5.1 ISPM 15 (2009) explanatory document

The explanatory document for ISPM 15, which now falls under the remit of TPFQ, is currently under consideration and comment by the SC under an e-forum.

5.2. Wood moisture content and methyl bromide penetration

The paper on the effect of moisture content on the efficacy of methyl bromide will now be prepared for the November 2014 meeting of the SC.

5.4. Tree seed annex to (draft) Seed ISPM

An updated draft of the seed ISPM has now been provided to the panel (06_TPFQ_2013_Feb).

As discussed in earlier meetings, The EWG recognized that most of the procedures described for seeds in the body of the draft ISPM may apply to forest tree seed; however there are some considerations (especially regarding the methods for collection, storage, packaging) that would need to be developed specifically for forest tree seed. The EWG drafted text for an annex on forest tree seed based on tropical forest tree seed issues, but more information was needed on the collection and storage of temperate forest tree seed.

Initial comments from the members developing the forest tree seed annex suggested that more examples would be helpful for the management of tree seeds. Some areas in the process such as seed transport and treatment may need to be expanded.

Also noted was that the structure of the entire document may need to be considered given the level of detail currently included may not make it through the review process. The level of detail in the annex for tree seeds will need to reflect the level of detail in the main text of the ISPM.

To ensure all international processes are reflected in the annex, the authors will need to be provided with tree seed system descriptions from other regions (such as Australasia).

ACTION: Members to provide tree seed collection and processing system documents from their regions to the members drafting the tree seed annex.

5.5. Emerging phytosanitary issues in forestry

No further issues were raised at this meeting.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SC

Recommendations for the SC from this meeting were as follows:

1. Steward to raise with the SC the issue of ineffective report of non-compliances, as discussed at this meeting.
2. TPFQ will wait for IFQRG to co-ordinate the publication of a paper on the application of the Cardiff Protocol for pest groups associated with wood packaging material in international trade before finalising the draft treatment criteria for ISPM 15.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretariat noted that two TPFQ members had been silent since the TPFQ meeting in June 2013.

ACTION: Members were asked to contact these members to confirm their continued involvement in the work of the panel.

A member noted that active representation from all forestry regions was important to the effectiveness of the work of the TPFQ. If these members could no longer be actively involved in the work of the TPFQ, alternative members from these regions should be invited onto the panel.

8. FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FOR NEXT TPFQ VIRTUAL MEETING

At its next virtual meeting, the panel will consider the outcomes from the SC meeting in May and progress on the work programme.

9. CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The TPFQ agreed that the next virtual meeting should take place around the end of May or the first week in June 2014. The IPPC Secretariat will select a meeting time and confirm with TPFQ members.

The TPFQ members will adopt outstanding virtual meeting reports via an e-forum or at their next meeting.

APPENDIX 1 – AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1. Opening of the meeting		
1.1 Orientation Refresher for Adobe Connect	00_TPFQ_2014_Feb 02_TPFQ_2014_Feb	DUBON/ ORMSBY
1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat	01_TPFQ_2014_Feb_Agenda	ORMSBY
1.3 Introductions	https://www.ippc.int/publications/membership-tpfq	ORMSBY
1.4 Review and agree record of last meeting	03_TPFQ_2014_Feb_December 2013 Meeting Report	ORMSBY
2. Secretariat Maintenance and Updates from relevant Bodies (inc Standards Committee)		ORMSBY
3. Update on IFQRG/IPPC work programme 2013		ALLEN
4. Discussion/status on ISPM 15 Treatment Criteria		WLODARCZYK
5. Work Programme for 2014	04_TPFQ_2014_Feb_Work Programme	ALL
5.1 ISPM 15 (2009) explanatory document		SELA
5.2 Wood Moisture content and MBr penetration	05_TPFQ_2014_Feb_SC Paper Updated (DRAFT)	ALL
5.3 Separation between wood products and wood.		ALL
5.4 Tree seed annex to Seed ISPM (Draft)	06_TPFQ_2014_Feb_Draft ISPM of Seed	ALL
5.5 Emerging Phytosanitary Issues in Forestry		ALL
6. Recommendations to the SC (if applicable)		ORMSBY
7. Other business		ORMSBY
8. Follow-up Actions for next TPFQ Virtual Meeting		ORMSBY
9. Close of the meeting		ORMSBY

APPENDIX 2 – WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014**Work programme TPFQ 2014***(last updated 27th March 2014)***2013 - 2014 Task Descriptions for the TPFQ**

Task Description	Expected delivery date
ISPM 15 (2009) Explanatory Document	SC e-Decision 10 February 2014
Heat Treatment (HT) for ISPM 15 (2009) Explanatory (Guidance) Document	SC e-Decision 10 February 2014
Methyl Bromide (MB) for ISPM 15 (2009) Explanatory (Guidance) Document	SC e-Decision 10 February 2014
Review forest seed annex to the Draft ISPM for the movement of seed for propagation.	Prior to SC Meeting November 2014
ISPM 15 (2009) Treatment Criteria	Prior to SC Meeting May 2015
Developing the “Cardiff Protocol” with IFQRG working group	Prior to SC Meeting May 2015
High moisture content in wood and penetration of methyl bromide	Prior to SC Meeting May 2014
Manage IFQRG/IPPC Joint Work Programme	On-going

2014 Work Programme for the TPFQ

Date	TPFQ Action	Responsible Person(s)
2014		
2014 February		
02/13	TPFQ February 2014 Virtual Meeting – Set Calendar for 2014.	TPFQ
2014 April		
03/31 – 04/04	(April) CPM 9	Aliaga/Forest / Włodarczyk
2014 May		
05/05 – 05/09	May 2013 Standards Committee Meeting	Aliaga/Forest / Włodarczyk
05/12 – 05/16	2013 Standards Committee 7 Meeting	
05/~30	TPFQ May 2014 Virtual Meeting – Discuss May SC and CPM 9 outcomes	TPFQ
2014 July		
07/~06	TPFQ July 2014 Virtual Meeting – Prepare for IFQRG 12.	TPFQ
2014 November		
11/10 – 11/14	2014 November Standards Committee Meeting	Aliaga/Forest / Włodarczyk